

EXHIBIT A

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY
FORMER BL STORES, INC., *et al.*
(Case No. 24-11967 (JKS))

August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
Asset Dispositions	7.1	\$10,066.50
Business Operations	0.2	\$408.00
Claims / Creditor Outreach	7.7	\$12,018.50
Contracts / Leases	0.4	\$502.00
General Case Administration	1.0	\$1,490.50
Hearing Preparation / Attendance	7.6	\$10,843.50
Litigation	33.0	\$60,732.50
Regulatory / Antitrust / Tax / IP	1.6	\$2,636.00
Retention DPW: Preparation of Fee Applications, Budgeting	7.5	\$9,821.50
Travel (Non-Working)	2.4	\$3,012.00
TOTAL	68.5	\$111,531.00¹

¹ This amount reflects a voluntary reduction in fees in the amount of \$1,889.00.

Time Detail By Project			
Name	Date	Hours	Narrative
BC02 Asset Dispositions			
Bi, Jonathan	08/01/25	0.1	Review emails on name change workstream.
Bi, Jonathan	08/04/25	0.1	Review emails on name changes workstream.
Bi, Jonathan	08/07/25	0.4	Review emails with Davis Polk teams on name changes workstream delisting procedures (0.3); emails with AlixPartners on Broyhill intellectual property points (0.1).
Bi, Jonathan	08/11/25	0.1	Emails with Davis Polk teams on name changes workstream.
Brock, Matthew R.	08/11/25	0.1	Emails with J. Bi regarding name change.
Bi, Jonathan	08/12/25	0.5	Emails with Davis Polk team on name changes analysis (0.1); correspondence with Davis Polk team regarding signoff on name change approach (0.1); review Big Lots charter for name changes requirements (0.2); correspondence with Davis Polk team regarding approach to Vorys (0.1).
Bi, Jonathan	08/18/25	0.2	Review emails with Davis Polk team on approach to name changes with Vorys.
Weigel, Heather	08/19/25	0.3	Conference call with Davis Polk team regarding name changes.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/19/25	1.0	Emails with Gordon Brothers and AlixPartners regarding social media accounts login information (0.2); call with Davis Polk team regarding name changes approach with Vorys (0.4); call with Davis Polk team regarding name change workstream (0.4).
Bi, Jonathan	08/20/25	0.4	Call with Ohio counsel resolving name change bylaws issue.
Hood, Cameron K.	08/20/25	0.4	Correspondence with Davis Polk team regarding entity name changes.
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/20/25	0.4	Call with Vorys regarding name change (0.1); call with K. Winiarski regarding same (0.1); emails with Davis Polk team regarding name change (0.2).
Weigel, Heather	08/20/25	0.4	Conference call with Ohio counsel regarding name changes (0.2); correspondence with Davis Polk team regarding same (0.2).
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/20/25	1.2	Draft and revise name change motion (1.0); emails with Davis Polk and Morris Nichols teams regarding same (0.2).
Bi, Jonathan	08/25/25	0.4	Revise name changes documents to effect name change.
Bi, Jonathan	08/26/25	0.5	Revise name changes documents to effect name change.
Hood, Cameron K.	08/26/25	0.6	Revise consent to change name (0.4); correspondence with Davis Polk team regarding same (0.2).
Total BC02 Asset Dispositions		7.1	
BC03 Business Operations			
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/14/25	0.2	Emails with J. Goldberger regarding insurance matter.
Total BC03 Business Operations		0.2	
BC04 Claims; Creditor Outreach			
Goldberger, Jacob	08/04/25	0.1	Correspondence with opposing counsel regarding administrative claims reconciliation.

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Name	Date	Hours	Narrative
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/04/25	0.6	Review reply filed by Lipp CDS (0.4); emails with K. Winiarski regarding same (0.2).
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/04/25	1.3	Emails with counsel to various administrative claimants regarding second payment mechanics (1.0); emails with AlixPartners team regarding same (0.3).
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/05/25	0.2	Call with counsel to claimant regarding claim objection.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/05/25	0.7	Emails with counsel to various administrative claimants regarding second payment mechanics (0.5); emails with AlixPartners team regarding same (0.2).
Goldberger, Jacob	08/06/25	0.3	Correspondence with Big Lots and AlixPartners regarding administrative claim reconciliation.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/06/25	1.0	Emails with counsel to various administrative claimants regarding second payment mechanics (0.8); emails with AlixPartners team regarding same (0.2).
Goldberger, Jacob	08/07/25	0.2	Correspondence with counterparties regarding administrative claim reconciliation.
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/07/25	0.3	Emails with Lipp CDS counsel regarding claim objection.
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/08/25	0.6	Emails with counsel to Lipp CDS regarding hearing (0.3); emails with AlixPartners regarding claims reconciliation (0.3).
Goldberger, Jacob	08/14/25	0.2	Review creditor correspondence regarding administrative claims.
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/15/25	0.2	Emails with AlixPartners regarding claims reconciliation.
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/18/25	0.2	Email with Davis Polk team and R. Robins regarding claims matter.
Goldberger, Jacob	08/20/25	0.1	Correspondence with S. Piraino regarding creditor outreach.
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/20/25	0.3	Emails with Davis Polk team regarding claims matters.
Goldberger, Jacob	08/21/25	0.1	Correspondence with AlixPartners regarding creditor outreach.
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/21/25	0.6	Call with Davis Polk team regarding Lipp CDS claim objection and litigation strategy (0.4); emails with Davis Polk team regarding administrative claim reconciliation (0.2).
Goldberger, Jacob	08/22/25	0.1	Correspondence with AlixPartners regarding creditor outreach.
Goldberger, Jacob	08/24/25	0.1	Correspondence with claimant counsel regarding litigation requests.
Goldberger, Jacob	08/25/25	0.3	Correspondence with Big Lots team regarding attorney's fees in proof of claim.
Goldberger, Jacob	08/26/25	0.2	Correspondence with Big Lots team and D. Butz regarding attorney's fees in proof of claim.
Total BC04 Claims; Creditor Outreach		7.7	
BC05 Contracts/Leases			
Goldberger, Jacob	08/29/25	0.4	Correspondence with lease counterparties and D. Butz regarding assumption of rejected lease.
Total BC05 Contracts/Leases		0.4	
BC10 General Case Administration			
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/22/25	0.3	Call with K. Winiarski regarding case status.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/22/25	0.7	Emails and call with S. Piraino regarding workstreams (0.5); call with E. Stern regarding same (0.2).

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Total BC10 General Case Administration		1.0	
BC11 Hearing Preparation/Attendance			
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/08/25	0.2	Emails with Morris Nichols regarding agenda and hearing matters.
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/11/25	0.3	Correspondence with A. Shpeen, K. Winiarski, and Morris Nichols regarding hearing.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/12/25	2.5	Prepare for August 13 omnibus hearing and draft talking points (1.8); emails and calls with S. Piraino and Morris Nichols team regarding same (0.7).
Goldberger, Jacob	08/13/25	0.3	Attend August 13 Big Lots hearing.
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/13/25	0.3	Telephonically attend August 13 Big Lots hearing.
Shpeen, Adam L.	08/13/25	0.5	Attend August 13 Big Lots omnibus hearing.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/13/25	2.4	Prepare for August 13 omnibus hearing (2.0); attend same (0.4).
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/28/25	1.1	Emails and calls with Davis Polk and Morris Nichols teams regarding hearing availability (0.8); emails with McDermott Will regarding same (0.3).
Total BC11 Hearing Preparation/Attendance		7.6	
BC12 Litigation			
Brock, Matthew R.	08/04/25	0.5	Emails with J. McClammy and S. Piraino regarding omnibus hearing (0.1); call with movant regarding automatic stay (0.1); emails with movant and Morris Nichols regarding same (0.2); emails with Katten regarding potential claims (0.1).
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/04/25	0.5	Emails with A. Shpeen and K. Percy regarding Gordon Brothers stipulation.
Brock, Matthew R.	08/05/25	0.7	Emails with J. McClammy, B. Resnick, A. Shpeen, S. Piraino, and Katten regarding potential claims (0.2); revise stipulations regarding automatic stay (0.2); emails with movants and Morris Nichols regarding same (0.3).
Resnick, Brian M.	08/05/25	0.3	Call with S. Reisman regarding potential litigation settlement (0.2); emails with Davis Polk team regarding same (0.1).
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/05/25	0.9	Emails with Gordon Brothers and Davis Polk teams regarding stipulation (0.5); finalize same (0.4).
Brock, Matthew R.	08/06/25	0.5	Call with movant regarding automatic stay (0.1); emails with Morris Nichols and others regarding same (0.2); emails with B. Resnick, A. Shpeen, J. McClammy, and S. Piraino regarding claims (0.1); call with Katten regarding same (0.1).
Brock, Matthew R.	08/07/25	0.4	Emails with movant regarding automatic stay (0.1); call with Katten regarding claims (0.2); emails with B. Resnick, A. Shpeen, J. McClammy, and S. Piraino regarding same (0.1).
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/07/25	0.6	Review litigation matters (0.4); conference with K. Winiarski regarding same (0.2).
Resnick, Brian M.	08/07/25	0.1	Emails with Davis Polk team regarding litigation negotiations.
McClammy, James I.	08/08/25	0.5	Teleconference with Davis Polk team regarding potential interchange settlement.

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Piraino, Stephen D.	08/08/25	0.6	Call with R. Robins regarding litigation (0.3); call with J. McClammy regarding same (0.1); emails with Davis Polk team regarding litigation matter (0.2).
Brock, Matthew R.	08/13/25	0.9	Emails with B. Resnick, A. Shpeen, J. McClammy, and S. Piraino regarding claims (0.7); emails with J. McClammy, S. Piraino, and J. Goldberger regarding discovery requests (0.2).
Resnick, Brian M.	08/13/25	0.6	Calls with B. Thorn regarding various litigation issues (0.4); emails with Davis Polk team regarding same (0.2).
Brock, Matthew R.	08/14/25	0.2	Emails with Big Lots regarding discovery requests.
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/14/25	0.5	Emails with counsel to Lipp CDS regarding litigation matters.
Brock, Matthew R.	08/15/25	0.4	Emails with J. McClammy, Big Lots, and others regarding discovery requests (0.1); emails with B. Resnick, A. Shpeen, J. McClammy, and others regarding settlement (0.3).
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/15/25	0.2	Emails with Davis Polk and Big Lots regarding outstanding litigation matters.
Resnick, Brian M.	08/15/25	0.1	Review letter from counsel to Creditors Committee.
Brock, Matthew R.	08/18/25	1.9	Emails with B. Resnick, A. Shpeen, and others regarding Creditors Committee settlement (0.3); call with S. Piraino and K. Winiarski regarding 9019 motion (0.3); emails with Big Lots and S. Piraino regarding discovery requests (0.5); emails with J. McClammy, movants, and Big Lots regarding automatic stay (0.6); call with movant regarding automatic stay (0.2).
Goldberger, Jacob	08/18/25	0.1	Correspondence with M. Brock regarding claimant litigation.
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/18/25	0.4	Call with Davis Polk team regarding 9019 (0.2); emails with Davis Polk team regarding document request (0.2).
Shpeen, Adam L.	08/18/25	0.5	Emails regarding Creditors Committee claim settlement.
Brock, Matthew R.	08/19/25	0.4	Emails with K. Winiarski and Morris Nichols regarding 9019 (0.1); emails with movant regarding automatic stay (0.3).
Brock, Matthew R.	08/20/25	0.4	Emails with S. Piraino, Morris Nichols, and others regarding automatic stay (0.1); call with movant regarding automatic stay (0.2); emails with A. Shpeen, K. Winiarski and others regarding 9019 motion (0.1).
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/20/25	0.5	Call with Creditors Committee regarding settlement (0.3); prepare for call with Unsecured Creditors Committee (0.2).
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/20/25	0.4	Call with McDermott and Davis Polk teams regarding settlement motion.
Brock, Matthew R.	08/21/25	0.9	Call with S. Piraino and K. Winiarski regarding claim objection (0.3); review same (0.1); emails with S. Piraino and K. Winiarski regarding same (0.3); emails with K. Winiarski regarding automatic stay (0.2).
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/21/25	0.5	Correspondence with Vorys and R. Robins regarding settlement agreement.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/21/25	0.4	Call with S. Piraino and M. Brock regarding Lipp CDS.

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Name	Date	Hours	Narrative
Brock, Matthew R.	08/22/25	1.0	Prepare for call with plaintiff regarding automatic stay (0.2); call with claimant counsel regarding discovery requests (0.3); emails with Big Lots regarding same (0.2); call with plaintiff regarding automatic stay (0.2); emails with Big Lots regarding settlement agreement (0.1).
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/22/25	0.2	Call with litigation counsel and Davis Polk team regarding lift stay.
Brock, Matthew R.	08/24/25	0.1	Emails with Vorys, S. Piraino, and the Unsecured Creditors Committee regarding legal settlement.
Brock, Matthew R.	08/25/25	0.9	Emails with J. McClammy, K. Winiarski, Creditors Committee, and others regarding legal settlement (0.3); review draft of same (0.6).
Resnick, Brian M.	08/25/25	0.2	Emails with Davis Polk team and others regarding director and officer litigation issues.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/25/25	1.5	Draft and revise motion to approve interchange settlement.
Brock, Matthew R.	08/26/25	0.5	Review settlement agreement (0.1); emails with Davis Polk team regarding same (0.1); call with Creditors Committee regarding 9019 (0.3).
Goldberger, Jacob	08/26/25	0.1	Review Big Lots lift stay motion.
Resnick, Brian M.	08/26/25	0.3	Emails regarding director and officer litigation and related issues.
Shpeen, Adam L.	08/26/25	0.4	Call with McDermott Will regarding 9019 motion.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/26/25	1.2	Call with McDermott Will regarding settlement logistics (0.5); review and revise draft motion to approve same (0.7).
Brock, Matthew R.	08/27/25	1.2	Call with movant regarding automatic stay (0.2); prepare for same (0.3); emails with movants regarding same (0.5); emails with A. Shpeen, J. McClammy, and others regarding settlement (0.2).
Goldberger, Jacob	08/27/25	0.1	Correspondence with M. Brock regarding motion to lift stay.
Resnick, Brian M.	08/27/25	0.3	Emails with Davis Polk team regarding settlements and related issues.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/27/25	2.6	Review and revise draft 9019 motion for interchange settlement (1.2); draft and revise 9019 motion for Unsecured Creditors Committee settlement (1.4).
Brock, Matthew R.	08/28/25	0.7	Call with S. Rochester regarding settlement agreement (0.2); emails with A. Shpeen and others regarding same (0.2); emails regarding claim objection (0.3).
Resnick, Brian M.	08/28/25	0.5	Call with Davis Polk and Morris Nichols teams regarding litigation settlements (0.3); emails with clients and Davis Polk team regarding same (0.2).
Shpeen, Adam L.	08/28/25	1.5	Call with Morris Nichols team regarding settlement strategy (0.5); review 9019 motion (0.4); emails relating to the same (0.6).
Brock, Matthew R.	08/29/25	0.1	Emails with K. Winiarski and others regarding legal settlement.
Resnick, Brian M.	08/29/25	0.8	Call with clients and Davis Polk team regarding remaining settlements.

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Name	Date	Hours	Narrative
Shpeen, Adam L.	08/29/25	1.1	Call with R. Robins, management team and others regarding 9019 settlement and case timing (0.8); prepare for the same (0.3).
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/29/25	2.4	Call with B. Resnick and A. Shpeen regarding settlement timing (0.4); call with R. Robins and Big Lots team regarding same (0.8); review and revise draft Unsecured Creditors Committee settlement motion (1.2).
Shpeen, Adam L.	08/30/25	0.4	Review 9019 settlement agreement (0.3); emails relating to the same (0.1).
Total BC12 Litigation		33.0	
BC14 Regulatory; Antitrust; Tax; IP			
Piraino, Stephen D.	08/22/25	0.8	Call with Big Lots team regarding tax matters.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/22/25	0.8	Call with Big Lots team and S. Piraino regarding tax issues.
Total BC14 Regulatory; Antitrust; Tax; IP		1.6	
BC16 Retention DPW: Preparation of Fee Applications, Budgeting			
Prater, Rachel	08/05/25	0.4	Correspondence with K. Winiarski regarding June invoices (0.1); revise same (0.3).
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/05/25	0.5	Review and prepare June fee statement.
Prater, Rachel	08/06/25	0.2	Revise June invoices for privilege and confidentiality.
Resnick, Brian M.	08/06/25	0.2	Review Davis Polk June fee statement.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/06/25	1.1	Review and finalize June fee statement for filing.
Prater, Rachel	08/11/25	1.2	Review and revise the July invoices.
Prater, Rachel	08/12/25	1.5	Review and revise July invoices for privilege and confidentiality.
Prater, Rachel	08/13/25	0.4	Emails with D. Shirley regarding July invoices (0.1); review and revise July invoice (0.2); remit comments to K. Winiarski for review (0.1).
Resnick, Brian M.	08/14/25	0.3	Review Davis Polk third interim fee application (0.2); emails with Davis Polk team regarding same (0.1).
Resnick, Brian M.	08/20/25	0.1	Review U.S. Trustee comments to Davis Polk fee application.
Resnick, Brian M.	08/27/25	0.2	Emails with Davis Polk team regarding responses to U.S. Trustee comments.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/28/25	1.4	Draft and revise responses to U.S. Trustee questions on Davis Polk tenth interim fee statement (1.0); emails with Davis Polk team regarding same (0.4).
Total BC16 Retention DPW: Preparation of Fee Applications, Budgeting		7.5	
BC18 Travel (Non-Working)			
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/12/25	1.2	Travel to Wilmington, Delaware for August 13 omnibus hearing.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	08/13/25	1.2	Travel from Wilmington to New York after August 13 omnibus hearing.

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Name	Date	Hours	Narrative
Total BC18 Travel (Non-Working)		2.4	
TOTAL		68.5	